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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**  
**(37 CFR 1.116)**  
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**PATENT**  
RAP04 P-647A

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Group : 3651  
Examiner : Mark A. Deuble  
Serial No. : 10/707,409  
Applicants : Phillip J. Gilmore and Shenghong Yang  
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For : **EXTENDABLE BELT CONVEYOR**  
Atty Docket No. : RAP04 P-647A  
Customer No. : 28101

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 CFR 1.116)**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2006, in the above-identified matter. The Office Action was designated a "Final Rejection." Claims 1 and 28-59 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 4, 5, 10, 12-14 and 17 have been amended and new claims 60 and 61 added. Please consider the amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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